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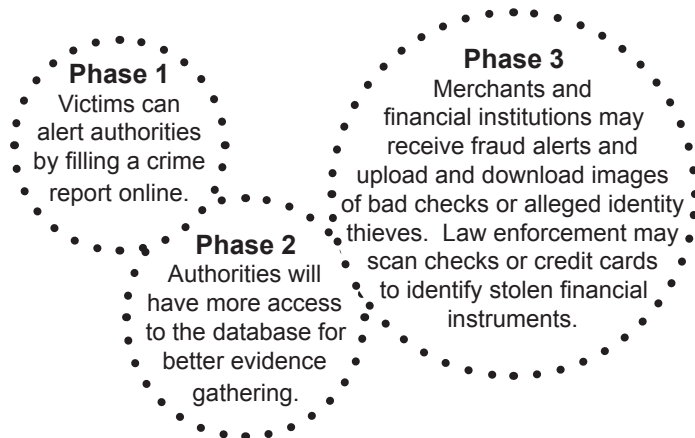
Legislative Briefing

One-Stop Shop for ID Theft Victims

Recovering from identity theft will soon be just one Web site and a couple clicks away, starting the first part of November. The Attorney General's Office is introducing IRIS - Identity Theft Reporting Information System - as a place for victims to report an identity theft crime to law enforcement, and resolve problems with their financial institutions and others when their personal information is stolen.

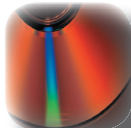
A partnership between law enforcement, state agencies, and other organizations was used to create the website and ensure this statewide reporting system is comprehensive and effective. IRIS will make it possible for victims to spend less time and money tracking the crime on their own and for law enforcement agencies to have the necessary investigative information in one place. The entire process is free to those who use it.

IRIS will be implemented in three phases



How IRIS works for victims

1. Sets up a secured login account.
2. Receives step-by-step instructions for reporting an identity theft crime, including documentation needed before they begin.
3. IRIS locates and reports the crime directly to all necessary law enforcement jurisdictions at the same time.
4. IRIS issues a tracking number so the victim can view updates or add more complaints.



ICAC Strikes Again... and Again

- Child Sex Abusers Admit Prowling Internet

Five men who were arrested during a sting operation by the Attorney General's Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force entered plea deals this month. They were charged with either having sexual contact with 13-year-old girls met over the Internet or luring girls into sexual liaisons online. ICAC continues to work undercover, investigate and successfully prosecute on-line child sex abuse cases throughout Utah.

- A.G. Task Force Closes Child Porn Sites

A public-private partnership with the Attorney General's Office has shut down 155 child pornography web sites by cutting off their ability to process credit cards online. The Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force aligned with the FBI, National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC), credit card companies and other agencies to identify site owners and bankers that were processing consumer purchases from these sites.

Chris Ahearn, Utah ICAC Director, says stopping child porn sites from processing credit cards will eliminate their profits and force them to shut down. This partnership will now be a model for combating other Internet crimes.

Child Support Enforced

The Criminal Non-Support Unit in the Attorney General's Office collected \$1,732,730 in restitution during 2004, which is \$500,000 more than the previous year. This money helps children who receive government assistance and reimburses the state for money already paid to support these children. The Attorney General's Office vigorously enforces child support orders through the civil justice system and prosecutes individuals for criminal non-support. This effort recovers restitution for children and the state, and holds parents accountable to care for their children.

Beware of Spyware

AG's Office Sends a Warning To Computer Users

Security experts are constantly treating spyware-infected computers, but these technology, prevention and software removal companies are struggling to keep up with the influx of dangerous spyware programs.

"Spyware writers understand that their model is under siege, and to survive they're employing every tactic that they can," says Michael Scott, community education specialist with the Attorney General's Office who spoke during the White Collar Crime Conference on October 5.

Spyware is installed in a computer without consent through e-mail, downloads or attachments and can monitor or control computers, cause pop-up ads, record keystrokes, trace website visits and lead to identity theft. As companies and governments mount pressure, spyware writers get better at finding new ways to sneak into computers.

The A.G.'s Office is keeping a close watch on this issue and suggests that every computer have some kind of anti-spyware program installed.

BE AWARE!

1.	Update spyware-removal software, operating systems and Web browser software often.
2.	Install a personal firewall.
3.	System monitors can know every keystroke, e-mail, instant message, chat room conversation, Web site, user name or password of the user.
4.	Do not open e-mails you are not expecting, from people you do not know and/or from addresses not familiar to you.
5.	Be wary of solicitations asking for personal information.
6.	When paying by credit card, make sure the credit card company has a fraud protection policy.
7.	Do not provide personal information (i.e. social security number, birth date, passwords, etc.) or financial information to those who are soliciting you or anyone you do not know.
8.	Find more information at http://attorneygeneral.utah.gov/CA/cybercrime.htm

Drunk Driver Talks to Hunter High

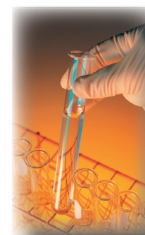
Drunk driving and underage drinking are topics that hit Hunter High students close to home after a recent drunk-driving accident killed a fellow classmate. This month, students gathered to hear from Brandon Silveria, who was in a near-fatal crash after drinking at a high school party. He has difficulty walking and his speech is almost inaudible, but students were captured by his story.

"Students got the message that drunk driving and underage drinking can be deadly," says Attorney General Mark Shurtleff, who invited Silveria and his father to speak. "You could hear a pin drop in that room." Shurtleff plans to have Silveria and his father talk to more Utah high schools.

The Tip of the Meth-burg

The Attorney General's Office is busy busting methamphetamine crooks and cooks on Utah's streets. The Meth Unit recently received a Special Agency Award from the Utah Narcotics Officers Association (UNOA) for excellence in the prosecution of meth labs and major drug distributors in the state of Utah.

Assistant Attorney General's Vernon Stejskal and Lana Taylor also received individual Commendation Awards from UNOA for their outstanding contributions to the drug enforcement effort in bringing narcotics offenders to justice. Here are a few recent cases:



-- **United States v. James Duran-A** jury convicted Duran of distribution of methamphetamine and possession of a firearm by a convicted felon and by a person previously convicted of domestic abuse. He will likely receive a 20-year federal sentence.

-- **United States v. Steven Kelley** -- Kelly was tried by a jury before the U.S. District Court and was convicted of distribution of methamphetamine. Kelley had been a long-term distributor of methamphetamine in Weber County and will likely receive a 15-year federal prison sentence.

-- A meth cook recently gave information leading to the seizure of two other labs and the arrest of those responsible. Even after a significant reduction in punishment for cooperation, the meth cook still received over 10 years in federal prison.

-- Following a lengthy investigation in which drugs and firearms were seized, twelve people are being prosecuted for conspiracy to distribute methamphetamine. Each defendant is facing a ten-year statutory minimum in federal court.

The Attorney General's Office represents the State in thousands of cases each year. If you need information on any matter being handled by our office, please contact Dave Johnson at 538-1357 or davidjohnson3@utah.gov.